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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

September 14, 2022

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 1740 West Adams St., Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No Executive Sessions were held.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Barbara Campbell, DPM.....Board President and Practitioner Member
-  Albert Eulano, DPM. Practitioner Member
-  Mark Forman, DPM.....Practitioner Member
- Vacancy.....Public Member
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STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

- Heather Broaddus..... Executive Director
-  Seamus Monaghan, Esq.....Assistant Attorney General

GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING

- Chad Thompson, DPM.....Licensee
- William Sowders, Esq.....Attorney
-  Jerome Steck, DPM.....Investigator
- Kamran Farahani, DPM.....Investigator
-  Appeared telephonically

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Board considered the following order of business.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the August 10, 2022, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the August 10, 2022, Open Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigations

20-22-C; Michael Dershowitz, DPM

The Board’s Investigator, Dr. Steck, was present telephonically and provided a summary to the Board.

Dr. Dershowitz was not present. The Complainant was not present.

Board members’ expressed concern that the allegations in this complaint were substantiated. Board members recognized that Dr. Dershowitz has retired from practicing as a podiatrist. Board members noted that Dr. Dershowitz’s license expired on September 1, 2022. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to dismiss complaint No. 20-22-C; Michael Dershowitz, DPM without prejudice. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

21-26-B; Chad Thompson, DPM

Dr. Campbell noted that the Board opened this Complaint as Dr. Thompson reported a malpractice matter on his 2021 renewal application.

The Board’s Investigator, Dr. Farahani, was present and provided a summary to the Board.

Dr. Thompson and his attorney, William Sowders, Esq., were present and requested to speak. Dr. Thompson made a brief statement indicating that he, and all other physicians involved, provided the best care possible to the Complainant.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to dismiss Complaint No. 21-26-B; Chad Thompson, DPM, as there were not violations of statute or rule.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Issuance of Licenses

1. Janowicz, Rachel, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Janowicz’s application, the Board noted that her application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Janowicz’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Renewal Application(s)

1. De la Cruz, Eugene, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. De la Cruz reported a malpractice matter on his 2022 renewal application. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. De la Cruz’s 2022 renewal application is complete but the Board needs to take action on the malpractice matter.

Dr. De la Cruz was not present. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. De la Cruz’s 2022 renewal application. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Dr. De la Cruz was not present. Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to open a Board Complaint regarding the malpractice matter Dr. De la Cruz reported on his 2022 renewal application and to Stay the Complaint until the underlying litigation is resolved. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

2. McKay, Cameron, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. McKay is requesting a waiver of the continuing education requirements for the 2022 renewal cycle. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. McKay has been residing out of the Country for more than 12 months which meets the requirement of A.R.S. §32-829(C).

Dr. McKay was not present. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. McKay’s request and to approve his 2022 renewal application. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

BOARD TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATE OF THE AUGUST 2022 NATIONAL BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS MEETING

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) is still developing the Part II Clinical Skills Patient Encounter Examination. Dr. Campbell stated that there was discussion at the meeting, as some professions

believe that it is not necessary to teach doctors how to perform history taking, physical examinations and socialization skills.

BOARD TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATE OF THE AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ADVOCACY FORUM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that she presented at the August 20, 2022, American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Advocacy Forum. Dr. Campbell stated that her presentation was in regards to the legislative process in Arizona. Dr. Campbell provided information as to how an interested party can access the archived meeting on the APMA's website.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary on renewals.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the Board's website migration.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the fingerprint clearance card requirement.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the 2024 budget request.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the complaint log.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no current events.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no call to the public.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There were no future agenda items.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The Board discussed the October 25, 2022, meeting date and it was the consensus of the Board to cancel the October 25, 2022, meeting. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 3-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					